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CONVEYOR SYSTEM WITH BUFER

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

April 14, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated February 11, 2003, the period for response having been extended one (1) month to April 13, 2003, the following election and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend the claim as follows:

71. A system for conveying items comprising

at least one loading station for loading items onto trays,

at least one discharge station for discharging items from the trays,

a first conveyor and a second conveyor for conveying articles, each article

comprising a tray carrying at least one item, said first conveyor being arranged for

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